



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2008
Bridgeport County Courthouse

9:00 a.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairwoman Bauer

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Reid

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

1a) Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Workshop (Brian Muir)

ACTION: Receive Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget overview, and discuss preliminary budget materials.

David Wilbrecht outlined the following:

- As the workshop proceeds, he will document the Board's questions that require research, and will provide an answer to the Board later in the day if possible.
- Questions regarding capital projects in the VANIR report will be better answered by the consultant; will ask VANIR to give a presentation to the Board. The Board can then take time to review the capital projects.
- Any time the Board can save money for the future, it gives the Board options. Saving for the future will be one budgeting strategy used.
- Policy items are related to complaints Board Members have received from constituents.
- Would like the Board to provide guidance about how much money to set aside for projects so it is available when the time comes to complete the projects.

Brian Muir presented an overview of the budget:

- The format of this year's budget is the same as last year's budget. The information is grouped by budget officer, and the sections include a statement of goals and a summary of expenditures and revenues.
- The budget for 2008-2009 is \$57 million before policy items.
- The budget includes best estimates for inter-governmental state revenues. The reassessment of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area is not included; will provide more information at the mid-year budget review. The growth in property values will probably slow down. Muir uses a conservative approach when forecasting revenue.

- Regarding expenditures, salary growth exceeds the budget estimates, so the Board will have to deal with this at mid year.
- After balancing the budget and considering the expenditures, the cash balance is about \$7.2 million; the contingency is about \$4.9 million, which is separate from the cash balance. The Revenue Summary reflects a category of one-time revenue, such as approximately \$1.1 million of one-time revenue due to the sale of property in Mammoth to the Administrative Office of the Courts. The reserve is about 14% of the budget (before policy items).
- There may be minor changes in the final budget, so will report anything significant when the final budget comes before the Board.
- Created a matrix to help the Board evaluate policy items. This is meant to assist the Board and not a suggestion about what to fund.
- Some budgets have not increased *per se*; items, such as vehicles, have been accounted for differently in the departmental budgets.
- The total of current policy requests is about \$5.5 million; the total is \$6.5 million when the non-general fund requests are included.
- The budget document includes a statement of operating balances (before policy items). It costs a certain amount to run the County, and deficits are made up through increased revenues or savings in the budget.
- There are some policy items that are time sensitive and will need an immediate Board decision; other policy items can wait.
- Regarding CIP projects, the allocation is put into a CIP fund and is carried over year to year.

Supervisor Hazard emphasized that he would like projects that are funded this year to be completed this year so the funding isn't at risk.

Break: 10:25 a.m.

Reconvened: 10:35 a.m.

Break: 12:20 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:15 p.m.

Break: 2:50 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:15 p.m.

Department heads reviewed their budgets with the Board:

- Ann Gimpel, Mental Health
- Ed Zylman, Social Services
- Pat McGee, Public Health
- Evan Nikirk, Public Works (including engineering, buildings, parks and facilities, airport enterprise fund, campgrounds enterprise fund, cemeteries enterprise fund, road fund, solid waste enterprise fund, motor pool)
- Kelly Garcia, Capital Improvement Program
- Clay Neely, IT Department

~Lunch Recess~

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1b) Budget Workshop Continued

Public Input and Funding Requests:

- Paul McFarland, representing Eastern Sierra Stewardship Corps. The program actively engages people in maintaining public lands; McFarland requested \$10,000 from Mono County to help support the program.

Department heads reviewed their budgets with the Board:

- Rick Scholl, Sheriff & Coroner, Jail, and Emergency Services
- Mark Mikulicich, Emergency Medical Services
- Beverlee Bryant, Probation

ADJOURN: 3:45 p.m.

Adjourned in the memory of Myron Blumberg.

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